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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Cotton oil mill at Corsicana, Texas, burned; loss $125,000. —— Business men of Savannah, Ga., ask for the establishment of a sub-treasury in that city. —— Senator Patterson of Colorado discussed the Philippine question; he believed Gov. Taft misrepresented the true situation in the islands. —— Anarchists are said to be the prime movers in the incipient revolution in Barcelona, Spain; a fierce battle is reported with 500 killed and wounded on both sides; military swept the streets with artillery. —— Republican members of the Ways and Means committee propose a reduction of forty per cent. of duties on imports and exports between Cuba and the United States. —Miss Gertrude Gothie was shot and killed by her lover, Geo. Sutton, in Philadelphia; Sutton then shot himself, but the wound is not fatal. —— Wind at Valdosta, Ga., wrecked a carriage factory; at Mobile, Ala., trees and fences were prostrated. —— Pennsylvain day at the Charleston Exposition will be celebrated April 16. —— Cordes & Mosby dry goods store, Richmond, Va., destroyed by fire; loss $120,000. —— Now that the Schley matter is supposed to be settled, Secretary Long, it is understood, will retire to private life. —— Police and detectives in New York are still trying to unearth some clue to the mysterious shooting of young Walter Brooks. —— A detachment of the Scots Greys was cut up by Boers. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call was quoted steady at 2@3½ per cent; cotton—quiet at 8 13-16c; flour market was fairly active; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 88½c; corn—spot steady, No. 2, 65½c; oats—spot steady, No. 2, 50c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 20.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 34 degrees; 8 P. M., 41 degrees; maximum, 42 degrees; minimum, 33 degrees; mean, 38 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .08; rainfall since 1st of the month to date, 1.59 inch.

STORM WARNING.

Northeast storm signals were displayed at 10:30 A. M. along the Atlantic coast from Wilmington to Norfolk. The storm was central in the lower Mississippi valley, moving slowly northeastward. Brisk to high northeast winds were expected along the Virginia and North Carolina coast.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

Washington, Feb. 20.—For North Carolina: Rain Friday; Saturday probably fair, slightly colder on the coast, fresh to brisk northeast winds, becoming westerly.

Port Almanac—February 21.

Sun Rises	6 43 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.46 P. M.
Day's Length	11 tl. 3 M.
High Water at Southport	7.00 A. M
High Water Wilmington	9 30 A. M.

According to the experience of Hero Hobson it is a good deal easier to get into the navy than out of it, unless one be fired out.

There is an Indiana preacher who can sympathize with Mr. Soffel. His wife has deserted him and her children and eloped with an ex-convict.

In 1900 cotton seed added $54,345,677 to the value of the cotton crop. Had all the seed been worked for oil it would have added $80,000,000.

If the bill repealing war taxes which passed the House of Representatives unanimously, passes the Senate in its present shape it will cut off $77,000,000.

According to Prof. Wagner, the total population of the earth is now about 1,424,000,000. In Europe there are to the square mile 1,749 people, in Asia 1,014, in Africa 368, in America 114 and in Australia and Polynesia 29.

Nikola Tesla isn't losing any rest over the Marconi wireless telegraphy performances. He says he has a surprise to spring within a few weeks that will make Marconi's head swim. When Nik really *does* something besides talk it will be a surprise.

A Suffolk, Va., judge has just decided, in the case of a negro charged with stealing coal from a railroad, that it isn't punishable larceny to steal coal, when blizzards are howling and the stealer has no fuel at home. We don't know about the law of that, but it is orthodox humanity.

Farmer O'Neal, of Kentucky, is his own dentist. As his old set of teeth had become somewhat the worse of wear he whittled out a set of new ones from a seasoned apple tree root, which filled the bill and fitted his mouth so well that he can crack nuts and also jokes at the tooth carpenter.

THE SMALLPOX EVIL.

Continued Prevalence in the Up-Country May be Disastrous to Strawberry Growers.

BAD SITUATION APPROACHING

Several Prominent Men Say Epidemic May Seriously Retard Crop Movement in April Unless Abated Sooner. Deaths in Sampson.

The smallpox situation in Sampson and Duplin counties, although less portentious under ordinary circumstances than a few weeks ago, is yet regarded as most serious in view of of the near approach of strawberry picking time, which always brings to that district hundreds of laborers of more or less migratory character.

Several gentlemen who have been to the city within the past several days have spoken in a very pessimistic way of the consequences that will result to the strawberry growers along the line of the Wilmington & Weldon railroad unless the conditions materially change. The hundred and hundreds of produce solicitors who visit that section each year and combine to keep up a lively competition, ensuring a high price for berries, will be practically debarred from the territory either by their own personal feelings or from the enforcement of rigid quarantines between neighboring towns. Another important consideration is the bringing into the territory of hundreds and hundreds of colored laborers to pick the crop and their subsequent removal to all parts of the country.

The season for picking berries opens about April 10th and the people of the infected district are much interested in stamping out the disease before that time, which appears altogether not impossible but improbable. The hotel proprietors in the territory are especially interested in the matter from the fact that the coming of the produce solicitors in almost countless numbers is a bonanza for them.

H. L. Stevens, Esq., of Warsaw, who was in the city yesterday, talked interestingly but not altogether encouragingly of the prospect. He is counsel for the local health authorities of his town, who still maintain a strict quarantine against Clinton and all other infected districts. Mr. Stevens, in speaking of the quarantine, which has been the object of some adverse criticism, says:

"The Warsaw authorities dislike no little to inconvenience the public, but until people stop dying of the disease in the territory quarantined against, including Clinton and the border of Sampson, our regulations for the public safety will be strictly enforced as they are being done now."

Mr. Stevens said he had just heard of the death of smallpox of Mr. D. J. Rose, a well known citizen of Clinton, which occurred at his home there last Sunday. Mr. Rose was secretary of Clinton Lodge No. 124, I. O. O. F., and was about 45 years of age. Three of his children, who have the disease, are improving.

Asked about the smallpox in his own county—Duplin—Mr. Stevens "confessed the corn," to use a trite expression, and said there were five cases on Mr. J. H. Fonville's plantation, seven miles from Warsaw, and one case from the same family had developed and been promptly isolated at Magnolia. All the patients are colored and are closely quarantined.

Mr. Tim Merritt, a white man, living at Wayeross, Sampson county, fifteen miles from Clinton, died also last Sunday, leaving a wife and three children.

Mr. Stevens says that while conditions have grown much better in the vicinity of Clinton there is still reason for a serious view of the situation. He says that Mr. A. H. Herring, a merchant of Warsaw, who went out to his home, eight miles west of Clinton, before the quarantine went into effect and was unable to get back, writes that there are fifteen cases within a radius of two miless of his place.

Mr. Stevens says one of the primary reasons for the maintenance of the quarantine by the Warsaw authorities, is to guard against the terrible consequences that would follow the continued prevalence of the disease through the strawberry gathering period. He says farmers failed in their crops of cotton and corn and are depending largely on their strawberry yield. If smallpox continues epidemic in the counties along the W. & W. road he thinks it will amount financially to nothing less than a public calamity.

The *Sampson Democrat* of yesterday says: "It is with great satisfaction that we state that smallpox is stopped in Clinton. We have not had a single new case, not even in the lightest form, since our last issue, when we reported it confined to Mr. Rose's family alone. The members of this family are all practically well, and our superintendent of health is only waiting for the sixteen days to expire when the quarantine will be raised."

The Cutter Algonquin.

The officers of the revenue cutter *Algonquin* entertained a number of friends aboard ship Wednesday night. The affair was a very pleasant one. The cutter sailed yesterday afternoon for a cruise along the coast.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Banks—No business Saturday.
H. J. Bierman & Co.—Oatmeal.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Fountain pens.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Hustler.
For Sale—Neat cottage.
Wil. Gas Light Co.—In the Spring.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. D. Mallard, of Wallace, was here yesterday.

—Mr. C. E. Pope, of Dunn, N. C., is in the city.

—Fayetteville *Observer* 20th: "Mr. H. Percy Munson, of Wilmington, is in the city."

—Mr. A. S. Kemp, of Elizabethtown, N. C., made business calls in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. James Oldham, of Columbia, S. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Horne, on Red Cross street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and family arrived yesterday morning from New York on a private car. They expect to remain at "Airlie" six or eight weeks.

—Fayetteville *Observer*, 20th: "Mr. A. S. Williams returned to Wilmington this afternoon.—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton returned from Wilmington yesterday at noon."

—Rev. J. J. Payseur, late pastor of Brooklyn Baptist church, will leave this morning for Fortress Monroe, Va., to undergo the examination necessary to enlistment as chaplain in the U. S. army.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mallard, of Wallace; Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, and Misses Lula and Daisy Johnson, of Teachey's, were here Wednesday evening to attend the production of "Faust" at the Opera House.

—Prof. and Mrs. M. C. S. Nobles, of Chapel Hill, are visiting in the city, the guests of Mrs. Nobles' mother. Prof. Nobles is mentioned as a possible successor of the late Geo. T. F. Toon, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

—Mr. Geo. A. Croft, the popular travelling man, returned yesterday from a business trip through the Carolinas and Virginia. Mr. Croft says Wilmington, in his opinion, is about the only place in the three States that escaped the snow storm.

A PRETTY HOME WEDDING.

Miss Nettie V. Davis Married to Mr Edward Legg Davis, of This City.

Miss Nettie Virgina Davis, a popular young lady of this city and daughter of Mrs. Blanche B. Davis, No. 405 North Seventh street, was quietly married yesterday afternoon a 3 o'clock at her mother's home to Mr. Edward Legg Davis, the Rev. J. N. Cole, pastor of Grace M. E church, officiating.

The parlors of the home were attractively decorated for the occasion and although only a few invited friends and relatives witnessed it, the ceremony was a pretty one and augured bright prospects for the popular young people. Mr. J. Holmes Davis, brother of the groom, was best man and Miss Bessie Hankins, cousin of the bride was maid of honor.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Davis left for Charleston where they will spend until Tuesday at the Exposition. Returning to the city, they will be at home to friends at No. 209 Walnut street.

Mr. Davis, the groom, is one of the most popular young men in the city and is head salesman at Mr. I. Shrier's clothing store, Front and Princess street. The bride is greatly admired by a host of friends in the city, who join in congratulations upon the happy union.

THE NEWS FROM SOUTHPORT.

Items From Brunswick That Will Interest Wilmington Readers.

The Southport *Standard* of yesterday has the following items that will be read with interest here:

"A hunting party consisting of Messrs. H. G. Johnson, of Plainfield, N. J., J. C. Stanly, of East Arcadia, and Mr. G. W. Wills, of Plainfield, N. J., and some others, are in camp in the suburb section to enjoy a week of hunting. Mr. J. B. Mercer, of Wilmington, went out yesterday to join the party until Saturday next.

"We note in the Manufacturer's *Record* that Mr. W. M. Carney, of Atmore, Ala., a former Brunswick county man, is one of the directors of a new $30,000 corduroy mill at Asheville.

"Maj. Lundeen, Capt. Gardner and Mrs. Gardner, and Lieutenants Ball and Holiday were guests of Col. Murchison and family at Orton last Friday.

"The wharf at Bald Head is nearly completed now, and the tramway across the island, four miles in length, is completed and the car, drawn by a mule on either side, takes the lumber across to the site of the new lighthouse.

"For the past week the work of the suction dredge, owned by the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Dredging Company, at Fort Caswell, has been thrown back by several small accidents and it is now thought it will be well into next week before the rush work ends After this the work of levelling off the grounds within the fort will continue to completion."

Lieut. Edward A. Anderson.

Lieut. Edward A. Anderson, U. S. N., a brother of Mrs. Thos. Hall McKoy, of this city, has been transferred from the United States ship *Nanshang* to command of the naval station at Cavite, P. I. For the past few months Lieut. Anderson, who is very well known in Wilmington, has been in command of the *Nanshang*, cruising in Japanese and Chinese waters and doing service near Manila. Mrs. Anderson and little son will leave Washington about May 15th, for Cavite to join Lieut. Anderson. They will cross the Atlantic and go via the Suez Canal route.

Regular Dinner from 11 A. M. to 3 P. M. at the Dixie Cafe, 117 Princess street.

MANY NEW MEMBERS.

The Merchants' Association Received Thirteen Into Its Ranks Yesterday.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE EFFORTS

Meeting of Board of Directors Adjourned From Last Week—In Memory of Late James H. Chadbourn—Remarks for Good of Organization.

Thirteen new members were received into the ranks at the Merchants' Association at the adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors held at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in its rooms in the Seaboard Air Line building. As many more are expected within the next few weeks as the result of special efforts being put forth by a committee recently appointed, and it may well be said that the organization has taken on new life and promises abundant things for the future.

Those in attendance at the meeting yesterday afternoon were President W. E. Springer, and Messrs. Chas. M. Whitlock, William Niestlie, Geo. O Gaylord, J. H. Thomas, B. Solomon and A. O. Schuster.

Secretary P. Heinsberger was in attendance and made a good report of his work during the month of January.

The committee appointed to arouse interest in and to secure recruits, reported the names of the thirteen new members and on motion of Chas. M. Whitlock, seconded by Mr. Niestlie, the following were unanimously elected: Western Union Telegraph Company (John Frank, manager), Postal Telegraph Cable Company (John E. Wood, manager), the George L. Morton Company (Jesse Wilder, manager), R. H. Beery, D. N. Stanley, the Jno. L. Boatwright Company, the B. F. Keith Company, Dr. J. H. Dreher, John H. Gore, Jr., C. H. O'Berry, H. McL. Green, Charles D. Foard, B. F. Penny & Co.

The committee was continued and was requested to continue its work, other merchants and professional men having promised to become members of the Association. The committee consists of Messrs. W. E. Springer, W. E Worth, Charles M. Whitlock, J. M. Solky and Wm. Niestlie.

The resignation of Mr. J. W. Murchison as a director was received and accepted, but the election of a successor was postponed until a subsequent meeting.

The president appointed the following committee to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of the late James H. Chadbourn, who was a highly esteemed and valuable member of the Association, viz: Messrs. Charles W. Worth, Chas. H. Robinson and Geo. R. French.

The president called for suggestions for the good of the Association, and short addresses were made by Messrs. Springer, Whitlock, Solomon, Gaylord and others.

It is requested that all who intend to become members shall send in their names at once, as the secretary will very shortly make up a revised list of the membership to be printed.

After the transaction of routine business the Board adjourned.

COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

All in Flourishing Condition—Carolina Day May 7th—Flag Raising by Middle Sound Students.

The Myrtle Grove public school, District No. 3, Miss Jennie T. Oldham, teacher, will observe "Carolina Day" on March 7th, with appropriate exercises. Professor Washington Catlett, County Superintendent of Public Instruction, by invitation, has kindly consented to go down and make the school an adddress upon the occasion and a pleasant season for the students is expected.

The handsome United States flag recently awarded by the Board of Education to Middle Sound school, District No. 13, Miss Kathleen Elmore, teacher, arrived yesterday. The flag is presented to the school for special distinction in the manner the grounds about the building have been beautified and also in the manner of establishing and building up a library. The school will observe "Flag Raising Day," Saturday, March 29th, and an enjoyable programme of exercises is being arranged. Messrs. B. B. Humphrey, E. T. Ennett and J. R. Canaday, the enterprising school committee for that district, will be present and Prof. Catlett will make a short address appropriate to the sentiment of the hour.

Prof. Catlett says the New Hanover schools are rapidly getting in line with the great educational awakening that is sweeping over the State and that he will in every way encourage it in in his addresses and association with the people. The country schools have never been in a more thriving condition than now.

Have Filed an Answer.

In the suit of J. L. Love vs. the Carolina Central Railway Company to recover alleged damages to the amount of $100,000, Jno. D. Shaw & Son, of Rockingham, and Meares & Ruark, of this city, have filed an answer with the Clerk of the Superior Court. The defendant's counsel deny all material allegations in the complaint, and set forth that if the plaintiff sustained any injury it was due to contributory negligence on his part. The plaintiff's attorneys are Wm. J. Bellamy, Herbert McClammy, Bellamy & Bellamy, and M. B. Smith of Camden, S. C.

TRANSFERRED AND SKIPPED.

Lynchburg and Richmond Creditors Ask That Syrian Merchant of Fayetteville be Adjudged Bankrupt.

Messrs. H. L. Cook and Oates Nimocks, attorneys of Fayetteville, representing certain Richmond and Lynchburg creditors whose claims aggregate more than $500, filed a petition in the United States Court here yesterday asking that Ice Boufarrah, general merchant of Fayetteville, be adjudged an involuntary bankrupt. Deputy Clerk Shaw at once issued a subpoena for Boufarrah, citing him to appear personally before the court February 28th, to answer the petition. The creditors and the amounts due are as follows: Quinn Marshal Co., of Lynchburg, $382.87; Knight, Oglesby & Co., Lynchburg, $365 44, and M. Cohen & Co., Richmond, $175,99.

The petition sets forth that Boufarrah committed an act of bankruptcy Dec. 28th, 1901, by attempting to convey his stock of dry goods, shoes and other merchandise in the Rosenthal store on the north side of Hay street to one Waddel Boufarrah and that the said Ice Boufarrah suddenly thereafter disappeared from Fayetteville and left for parts unknown, leaving behind considerable indebtedness, amounting to several thousand dollars; that at the time of the attempted transfer Boufarrah was insolvent and that the transfer was not a bona fide one, but was done in pursuance of an intent to hinder, delay and defraud his creditors.

Boufarrah once did business in Wilmington. He now has two brothers here, Elias and Schibley Boufarrah. All of them are Syrians.

HON. B. F. GRADY SUGGESTED

Friends in Wilmington Want Him Appointed to Succeed the Late General T. F. Toon.

The friends in Wilmington of Hon. B. F. Grady, of Turkey, Sampson county, N. C., yesterday launched a movement to secure his appointment by Governor Aycock to succeed the late General Thos. F. Toon, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, a position which pays a salary of $3,000 yer year with fees amounting to about $500 per annum. Several telegrams were sent to Governor Aycock during the day. Among the number was one by Eugene S. Martin, Esq., and H. L. Stevens, Esq., of the firm of Stevens, Beasley & Weeks, and others. A petition was also circulated in Mr. Grady's behalf and was largely signed by leading members of the bar and others.

Mr. Grady is regarded by all as a gentleman eminently qualified for the place. His education is faultless; his zeal in public school work is unquestioned, and his friends here are confident of success. He served the Third District two terms in Congress, but with the exception of that his whole life has been devoted to school work. He is now principal of the Clinton High School. He is an author of note, and one of his books, "South against North," attracted wide attention for its merit.

JUNIORS LEFT YESTERDAY.

All Speak in Complimentary Way of the Entertainment Here.

The 150 odd members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, who were here this week to attend the eleventh annual State Council meeting, left yesterday on the various trains for their homes, all well pleased with the entertainment received in Wilmington, and cherishing fond remembrances of the city and its people. Past State Councilor Webb, of Statesville, who presided at the sessions, made this statement to the press:

"In behalf of the State Council I wish to express our great appreciation of the hospitalities extended to us by the members of the Jeff Davis Council, and to the people of Wilmington for their many courtesies. I have attended the past four annual sessions of the Council, and I have never seen the delegates enjoyed themselves more or conduct themselves in a more orderly manner than they did in Wilmington. We leave with the most happy remembrances of the pleasures enjoyed while guests in your city."

Washington's Birthday To-morrow.

Washington's birthday in Wilmington to-morrow will be marked by the usual observances of the holiday. The banks, Produce Exchange and public buildings, for the most part, will be closed during the day and Sunday hours will likely be observed at the postoffice. In a few of the public and private schools there will be appropriate exercises.

Annual Golf Tournament.

The annual golf tournament under the auspices of the Cape Fear Golf Club will be played to-morrow, Washington's birthday. The tournament will be a handicap. The silver cup to be contested for was won last year by Miss Annie Blount DeRosset and Mr. Seymour Merrill. The ladies of the club will serve tea at the club house after the tournament.

"No Light on the Subject."

It was generally observed last night that although the clouds were lowering and a cold, drizzling rain was falling, there was no electric light "on the subject." The moon, according to all almanacs, should have been up and shining, but it wasn't.

GEN. TOON'S FUNERAL

It Will be Conducted in Raleigh at Three O'clock This Afternoon.

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Funeral Cortege Will Include Military, State Officers and Citizens—Raleigh Auditorium Company Made Its Purchase—Other News.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20.—The funeral of the late General Toon will be held at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The procession will start from the south entrance to the Capitol Square and proceed to the residence; thence to Tabernacle Baptist church, where the services will be held.

The following will be features of the funeral service: "Gen. Toon's Official Career," Dr. Eugene Daniel. "His Career as a Soldier," Rev. G. T. Adams. "His Home Life," Rev. Livingstone Johnson, his former pastor. "As A Christian," Rev. W. D. Hubbard.

The interment will be in Oakwood cemetery.

The order of the funeral cortege will be: Military Escort, Cadets A. & M. College, Confederate Veterans, Masonic Fraternity, Hearse bearing remains, Pall Bearers—acting and honorary—Governor and State officers, Ladies of Johnson-Pettigrew Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, Members of the Ladies Memorial Association, Citizens.

All following the hearse will be in carriages. Citizens are arriving from all parts of the State to attend the funeral.

The Raleigh Auditorium Company will buy the Academy of Music and improve it so it will be the largest and handsomest in the State.

Five local trustees of the orphanage and Mrs. J. S. Wynn, who own the building, accept the offer of the auditorium company to give $15,000 in ten year per cent. bonds for the building. It only remains to get the approval of three out of-town trustees of the orphanage—W. E. Springer, Rev. J. N. Cole, of Wilmington, and L. L. Smith, of Gates. Their approval is believed to be certain.

NEARLY AN OYSTER FAMINE.

Large Shipments to Norfolk and Baltimore the Cause—Shad Season.

Persons who visit the market and fish houses nowadays are remarking upon the great scarcity of oysters, which amounts well nigh to an oyster famine, even right now in the height of the season. The supply of shad is also very short and prices are high.

Mr. W. H. Yopp, one of Wilmington's leading dealers, was asked about the matter yesterday and he said the great shortage in oysters was perhaps largely due to the fact that a bulk of the crop is being shipped this year from Stump Sound to Norfolk and Baltimore, the Chesapeake Bay supply having been almost a failure this season. The great storm, which visited the coast a few years ago, and destroyed many of the beds, is also attributed by Mr. Yopp as a cause for the very limited shipments here. Viewing the situation in a general way, Mr. Yopp says he thinks in a few years the oyster will be a luxury to be enjoyed only by the wealthy, for with an increasing population the demand is growing larger every day and the supply is not becoming any greater. The shad season is at least three weeks late, owing to freshets in the river and continued cold weather. The same complaint, Mr. Yopp says, comes from Georgetown, on the Pee Dee river.

Will Not Oppose Thomas.

Major Jno. D. Kerr, of Clinton, in a signed card in yesterday's *Sampson Democrat*, says he will not oppose Hon. Chas. R. Thomas for Congress in the Third District. Major Kerr says in his card: "While I thank all my friends for their kind expressions, I do not think I ought to oppose the present incumbent, because of the nature of his contest for his seat during his present term, and for this reason will not be before the next convention as a candidate."

A Midnight Alarm.

Last midnight the fire department responded to an alarm from box 43, occasioned by a small blaze in the kitchen of Mrs. M. G. Cain's apartments on the second floor of the two-story brick building, southwest corner of Front and Orange streets, belonging to Capt. J. T. Harper and occupied on the lower floor by the steam laundry. The fire started from hot ashes in the kitchen and the damage was about $10 each to building and contents.

Basket Ball To-night.

The last of the basket ball games in the first series arranged by the Y. M. C. A. League will be played at the City Hall to-night. The Young Men and Naval Reserves and Boys' Brigade and A. C. L. teams will contest, the first named team being in the lead for the cup, with a thousand per cent. A new schedule will be arranged for the second half between only four teams, the A. C. L. having decided to withdraw from the contests.

—Upon the completion of the new Murchison National Bank building, Front and Chesnut street, the Christian Science Society, of this city, will occupy one of the large rooms on the first floor.

No Business Will Be Transacted

by the Banks of this City Saturday, February 22nd, General Washington's Birthday.

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,
MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—A new curve is being made to the street railway tracks at Front and Red Cross streets.

—Dr. Geo. C. Worth delivered an interesting address to the congregation of Market Street M. E. church last night.

—Joe and Minnie Freeman were before the Mayor yesterday for fighting. They each paid the cost and were discharged.

—Schooner *Segwin*, Capt. Cole, from New York with cargo of coal for the Coal, Cement and Supply Co., arrived yesterday.

—License was issued Wednesday for the marriage of Mr. P. M. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. King, of Wallace, N. C., to Miss Kate Taylor, of this city.

—An extra passenger coach was attached to the outgoing A. & Y. train yesterday morning to accommodate returning members of the State Council, Jr. O. U. A. M.

—A card in this week's issue of *Sporting Life* says: "Pitcher and Outfielder Geo. B. Allen, late of the Wilmington, N. C. team, is at liberty to sign. Address 222 William street, Williamsport, Pa." This is "George, the Boy Wonder."

—Wilmington has the fastest fire department in the State. Last night at 12 o'clock the three rounds from box 43 had hardly ceased sounding before a large part of the apparatus was on the scene of the fire and a hose turned on the blaze.

—The funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Conway was conducted from the family home at 10 o'clock yesterday morning by the Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield, rector of St. James' parish. The interment was in the Giles' burying ground on Wrightsville sound.

—Clinton *Democrat*: "We received a postal from Dr. J. A. Stevens since his arrival in Baltimore. He is at the St. Joseph Hospital, and under the care of Dr. Tiffany, who is one of the most skillful specialists of this country. We note that Dr. Stevens stood the trip well, and is getting on as well as could be expected under the circumstances. We sincerely hope that he will very soon return to his people a perfectly well man."

Dr. Blackwell Invited.

Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, pastor of the First Baptist church, this city, has received and accepted an invitation to preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the North Carolina Medical College at Davidson, N. C., May 11th. About the same date Dr. Blackwell goes to High Point to deliver a literary address to the students of the graded schools there.

He Stole A Bicycle.

Joe Nixon, a small negro boy, was arrested by Policemen C. E. Wood Wednesday night on Third and Bladen streets, charged with the larceny of a bicycle from the residence of Miss Julia James, Third and Grace streets. In the Mayor's Court yesterday morning he was turned over to his parents for a sound thrashing which he received and was released.

Entertainment To-night.

The Girls' Guild and Novelty Club of the First Baptist church have joined efforts and will give a delightful entertainment to-night in the lecture room of the building beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The programme of the late Valentine party by the Guild will be repeated and other special features added. There will be music and refreshments and a cordial welcome is extended to the public.

A Boat Race on Cape Fear.

Fayetteville *Observer*, 19th: "The steamers *Hurt* and *Highlander* both arrived from Wilmington yesterday evening. They had an exciting race part of the way up, those on one boat being able to step on to the other for a distance of several miles. Mr. T. D. Love, agent at Wilmington of the Merchants and Farmers' Steamboat Company, was a passenger on the *Highlander*. Both steamers cleared for Wilmington before noon to-day."

Polana at Liverpool.

The British steamship *Polana*, hence for Liverpool, with cotton consigned by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, arrived out yesterday. Capt. Holttum, of the steamer, had with him as his guests Mr. E. P. Bailey and Mr. H. G. Smallbones, Jr., of this city, who will visit friends in London and whose safe arrival was cablegramed here yesterday.

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TEA CULTURE.

We have read of the experiments in tea culture in South Carolina and noted with much interest the progress made. This progress has been such that tea culture in that State has passed beyond the experimental stage, for it has been demonstrated beyond question that tea can be successfully grown there and that it is a paying crop. There is in one of the buildings of the Charleston Exposition a department devoted to exhibits of teas grown at Pinehurst, which is about twenty miles from Charleston. There the different grades of tea produced are shown and in addition to this visitors are served with cups of tea made from the different kinds, and the tea there served is said to be equal to the best served any where. A correspondent of the Macon *Telegraph* in writing of a visit to this department and of the exhibits says:

"The most interesting exhibit at the exposition now going on in Charleston is that from the Shepard Tea Gardens, of Pinehurst, S. C. In the Woman's Building (which is by the way the most interesting building in the grounds) is a charming nook called the tea parlor and there while one is resting one may be served with as fine a cup of tea as can be had anywhere in the world. The tea parlor is made for the veranda of the old colonial home that has been converted in to the Woman's Building. It is glassed in and prettily furnished with tables, chairs, and various dainty plants, among them some fine specimens of the tea plant which look not unlike the cape jessamine bush, having much the same leaf, but a much more delicate flower."

The writer then proceeds to give the following brief history of tea culture in that State:

"The first experiment in tea culture in this great United States of ours was started by a French botanist as early as 1800, at Middleton Barony, which is some ten miles from the present tea garden, Pinehurst, and Pinehurst I am told is about twenty miles from Charleston. The Frenchman's name was Michaus. Many unsuccessful attempts followed this Frenchman's, notably, one by Junius Smith, of Greenville, S. C., in 1848. In 1858 and 1859 tea seed were distributed by the Government throughout the various Southern States, but the war followed so soon that nothing came of it. Again in 1880 the experiment was tried, but a combination of adverse circumstances brought this again to no results. Local experiments were again started on a small scale about ten years ago. The present tea garden of some 60 acres, owned by Dr. Charles U. Shepard is the result, and the annual crop has developed from 100 pounds to 5,000 of dry tea. This is about 400 pounds to the acre which is more than the crop of the Chinese or Japanese, and nearly equal to that of India and Ceylon. This proves that the tea plant can be successfully cultivated in our country, but it was not proved till Feb. 14, 1899. When the mercury fell to zero and below that it was shown that it could stand without harm intense cold. There seems no adequate reason now why tea should be cultivated in our Southern States in large amounts and quite as good as that imported. The extra cost of labor here is offset by no duty and in many instances by the use of machinery in place of personal labor. The picking of the leaves is the most expensive part and this can be done by women and children as well as by skilled labor, at a comparatively low figure.

Three things have been satisfactorily demonstrated—one that the plant thrives in the latitude of Charleston; that it can stand the severest cold of that latitude; that the plant can be cultivated and the leaves be packed and prepared for market at a cost that leaves a margin for a large profit, large enough to make it a paying industry, even if pursued on a large scale. Capitalists whose attention has been given to this matter are so well satisfied of this that two or more companies have been organized to engage in the culture on a large scale, one of which has purchased a tract of 1,200 or 1,400 acres and has already, if we are not mistaken, cleared and set out some 600 or 700 acres in plants. This is somewhere in the vicinity of the Pinehurst garden, which is making the attractive exhibit at the exposition.

With the success that has already been achieved, followed by these other large ventures, South Carolina tea will become well known in the American market, and of course the industry will grow in that State and doubtless extend to others.

In speaking of the present and prospective demand for American grown tea, the writer in the *Telegraph* says:

"The demand for American tea is even now beyond the supply. Three teas are made at Pinehurst; the black, the green and the English breakfast, all prepared from the same plant but by different process of curing and drying. The black tea sells at 80 cents a pound and is quite as good as many of the imported brands at $1.00 and $1.25. This tea has a fine delicate flavor, a most beautiful color and a delightful perfume, in fact a treat to any tea lover. Dr. Shepard has devoted many years of hard work to his tea culture and to him are due many thanks by the people and the government for opening up such a fine field for our Southern States and he should prove a leader for many to follow. The New York papers now and again make mention of this tea industry in the South but in the South itself there are few who seem to know of it outside of the Carolinas, and I am sure they would find pleasure and profit by looking into the matter."

The success that tea culture has met with in the neighborhood of Charleston suggests the inquiry, why might it not be equally successful in the eastern portion of this State, where the climate and other conditions would seem to be as favorable to it as in that portion of South Carolina? We have read statements that tea culture had been tried in a small way in Cumberland county, somewhere in the vicinity of Fayetteville, some years ago, that it was a success and that the tea produced ranked high, but it was grown only in small quantity, more for domestic than commercial purposes. That was a good while before the late attempts were made to cultivate the plant in South Carolina.

Owing to the present and prospective demand for American tea there will be little danger of overstocking the market, and this tea, when it becomes known, will have the preference over imported teas for the reason that a better article of home grown tea can be purchased for the same or less price than the imported, and purchasers will prefer it for the additional reason that they will feel that they are getting a purer article. It is known by tea importers that nine tenths of the imported teas are of inferior grades, the best teas being too high priced for the general market. These are shipped on special orders to special customers who are willing to pay the high prices demanded.

Most of the finest tea produced in China is consumed by wealthy Chinese, and what is not is shipped to markets where there are customers who are willing to pay the prices demanded, so that the bulk of the tea which comes to this country is of inferior grades such as the tea drinkers in China who are able to buy the best kind would not use.

Much of the tea that is sold in foreign markets by the tea growers of the East is doubtless tea that has been once used and is worked over and colored for shipment to people who do not know any better. Copperas and other stuffs are used in this coloring process which makes some of these teas poisonous. The inspection laws we now have in this country may do something towards protecting the tea consumer from these frauds and vile decoctions, but enough of these doubtless find their way to the market in spite of these inspections. The high prices of tea are an incentive to adulteration after passing into the hands of some importers even if they were not adulterated in the country from which they were shipped.

With the lower prices of American teas there would not be the same incentive to adulteration, a fact which the consumers would soon discover, and this would make the home grown tea popular and build up a large market for it.

As we see it there is no reason why tea culture should not become a large and flourishing industry in the South.

SILK CULTURE IN NORTH CAROLINA.

We have recently published articles on silk culture in North Carolina, and the opportunity it offers to add another interesting and profitable feature to the industry of the farm, one that does not require the investment of much capital, and one that would pay well in proportion to the time and labor given to it.

As bearing upon this we publish the following, received from Mr. Gerald McCarthy, Biologist of the N. C. Agricultural Department, which may interest our readers, and be of some value to those who may be so situated as to engage in silk culture:

"The care of silk-worms and the production of silk fiber is one of the oldest of human arts. It originated in China 2,700 years before the Christian era. Unlike most other lines of agriculture, silk-growing cannot be carried on in extensive establishments. It is by its nature a cottage industry. It is work suitable only for women, children, and the aged or those in delicate or feeble health. The legitimate profits are never large, but they are certain. An industrious boy or girl of 14 years, or a peron too feeble to do ordinary labor may in six weeks of early Spring earn from $40 to $50, and a family of five or six children by working in common and pooling their income may make $200 or more and at the same time receive very valuable experience in studying the ways of nature.

"The growing of silk worms is not necessarily restricted to country neighborhoods. Any one can engage in the work who can secure the use of a clean, well-lighted, wareroom. Farmers will grow and sell mulberry leaves as they find a demand for them. Those who are looking for a light, all the year round rural business will find what they want in a combination of silk worms and poultry. The mulberry bears fruit for the hens as well as leaves for the worms.

"A Northern company, with an authorized capital of $2,500,000, proposes to enter the State and establish silk farms and silk mills. This company will purchase for cash all the silk cocoons that the people will raise. Those who have the Chinese or Downing mulberries on their lands should take care of them. Those who have them not should plant some. Plant only the Downing. The mulberry is not a weed. It is an orchard tree and requires good soil, and good cultivation."

They have a fellow in South Dakota who has a unique way of locating oil deposits. He walks over the land and if he feels all right when he gets over the land is no good, but if he gets sick in the stomach there is oil there—not in his stomach, but in the land. He filled up on oil once, and now his stomach is so sensitive on the oil question that if there is any oil within a mile of it it rebels. He has gone down to Kentucky (where some land owners have hired him to sample their land) and brought his stomach with him.

The removal of the tax on beer will not increase the size of the "schooner" nor the load.

TALL CORN

doesn't come by accident. A fertile soil and careful cultivation are necessary to produce the towering stems and heavy ears.

Yet the farmer who understands that he can't have a healthy corn crop without feeding and weeding, seems to think that he can have a healthy body without either care or culture. But the body is built up just as the corn is, by the assimilation of the several chemical elements on which vitality depends. And what weeds are to the corn, diseases of the stomach and nutritive systems are to the body; they divert the necessary food supply from the proper channels, and the body becomes lean, sickly and ill-nourished.

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ROOSEVELT STRADDLES THE FENCE.

The decision of President Roosevelt in the Schley-Sampson dispute will not be satisfactory to the adherents of either of these gentlemen, for it is really a straddle and leaves the matter about where it was in the beginning, and where the Court of Inquiry left it. He finds that it was "a captain's fight" in which, in our opinion, he is right, and that neither Sampson or Schley is entitled to all the glory. The honors that go to Sampson go to him by virtue of the fact that he held the position of commander-in-chief, although he did not actively participate in the fight which destroyed the Spanish fleet. He is technically entitled to the credit for what the ships under his command did, while Schley, being a subordinate, is entitled to the credit for what his ship did. This divides the honors among the captains who directed their ships and pounded the Spanish ships in their own way, each one for himself. While this makes Schley a less conspicuous figure in the result it eliminates the Sampson big "*I*" and makes him only technically entitled to the honors of the day.

This decision will not be satisfactory, as we have remarked, to the adherents of either Schley or Sampson but under the circumstances it was about all that President Roosevelt could do without sitting down on the Court of Inquiry and at the same time on the Navy Department, which has been bolstering Sampson all along in this business, the result of which might have been trouble in the Cabinet and the withdrawal of Secretary Long from it.

The much talked of and criticised "loop" by the *Boooklyn* may have been a tactical blunder, as it is claimed it was the opponents of Schley, but it panned out all right. But if any of these ships had escaped, the escape would have been charged to that "loop." There is no doubt about that.

As between Sampson and Schley, the majority of the American people believe the credit of that victory was due to Schley, for he was in the fight from beginning to finish, while Sampson got in only in time to see the Spanish ships sinking. His blunder was in not saying what President Roosevelt says in his decision, that it was a "captain's fight," and that it was they and not he who won it. The big I which he decorated his dispatches and reports with was the germ of all this contention, wrangling and bad feeling.

The fact is there is too much "Leroism" in all this business anyway, too much giving all the honors and glory to some, and too little to others who behaved quite as valorously and are entitled to as much as those who get more.

That is a level headed school superintendent in Reading, Pa., who requests the teachers in the public schools to read the papers, which would be more useful than the dead languages.

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CURRENT COMMENT

—— Prince Henry may be accepted as a fair representative of the new order of royal personages, which is a decided improvement on the old one, thanks to the progress of Democracy.—*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

—— It seems that they were all wrong about the prison in which the Hon. Benjamin Franklin Daniels served. This, taken in the connection with the fact that the faro game he conducted was on the level, indicates that the charges against the man are largely technical.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— According to the advices from St. Peterburg, the Russin government does not feel hurt by the Anglo-Japanse alliance. "As we never intended," say the gentlemen around the Czar, "to disturb either China or Corea, why should we be annoyed by an alliance to maintain the independence of both?" This being so, of course everybody is pleased with the treaty, the United States included. In our own country, it must be allowed, there had been some fear felt that Russia was bent upon entrenching herself in Manchuria in a way not favorable to our trade.—*Brooklyn Citzen, Dem.*

—— General Chaffee's cabled request for more soldiers comes at an unfortunate time for the implacable Protectionists. They insisted on the provoking war with the civil arm of the Government while trying to subdue it with gunpowder. Free trade with the people of the Philippines—which they are fairly entitled to have—would be worth more in putting an end to insurrection and establishing good understanding than a doubling of the army. This is a lesson that ought not to be needed in a country which went to war in a day of its weakness rather than to pay a tax on tea and stamped paper which had been lived without its consent.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Clinton *Democrat*: Mr. Jos. L. Rose died at his home in Clinton at an early hour on the night of February 15th, after an illness of a few days. —— We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mrs. Council Rayner, which occurred at her home near Lyman, Duplin county, on the evening of February 10th, after a short illness.

— Chatham *Record*: Many a rabbit has been caught in the snow since last Saturday. One party from here caught nineteen in a short time on last Monday. —— There has been more continuous cold weather this winter than is remembered by the "oldest inhabitants" in this section. Since the first of November the thermometer has been down to the freezing point more days than anyone remembers during any previous winter.

— High Point *Enterprise*: News was received here early Monday morning of the burning of Back Creek Roller Mill in Randolph county. We did not learn the origin of the fire. Insurance, $3,000. —— Pinehurst is now crowded with tourists. They will have some outdoor sports on the 22nd. It is gratifying to learn that young Mr. Tufts intends to carry out his father's wishes in regard to the improvements and maintenance of this famous resort.

— Wilkesboro *Chronicle*: A Salisbury gentleman has ordered 250 walnut tree sprouts for the purpose of trying a walnut orchard. By the way, why don't our people here put out walnut groves? They certainly would be valuable after several years, for the walnut tree is fast disappearing. —— Moses Moore, colored, was killed last week up in Union township, while cutting saw logs. A tree had been cut down and lodged several feet from the ground. As he went to walk across underneath it the tree fell and caught him, mashing out his brains.

— Rockingham *Anglo-Saxon*: Mrs. Ann Lee Deaton, wife of Mr. George Deaton, died at her home in Lumberton last Friday. —— Miss Ella M. Steele died in Morganton last Sunday and was brought to Rockingham Monday morning. She had been in the hospital at that place for several years, and her relatives and friends were hopeful of her complete recovery and restoration to health, when they received information that she had an attack of pneumonia, which produced her death.

— Kinston *Free Press*: We are informed of a shooting affray at Grifton that took place Monday night. A crowd of negroes were in Griffin's bar room, when from some cause John Canady and another negro named Walter Jones got into a dispute. Canady got after Jones and they went together, when Jones drew his pistol and shot Canady twice, one ball hitting him in the knee and the other going into the forehead and coming out near the top of the head. At last reports the wounded man was doing well and is not considered dangerously hurt. Both negroes were arrested.

An Injudicious Text.

A church was a considerable time without a pastor. A great number of persons of varied talents preached to them with a view to obtaining the post. A very ambitious young man was asked to supply them for a Sabbath. All went well until he gave out the text, "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh." Imagine the consternation the people experienced when he read out the text in a lofty and commanding manner. He was unaware of the feeling he created. The people did the opposite from the text. The young man was not called.—Homiletic Review.

Willing, but Weary.

The procession came to a halt.

"Now, sir," said the leader of the band of regulators to the worthless loafer whom they had tarred and feathered and were riding out of town on a rail, "you can git! If ever we see you here ag'in, we'll hang you!"

"Gentlemen," plaintively replied the man on the rail, "I'm willin' to go, but it's only about a hundred yards from here to the township line. Would you mind carryin' me the rest o' the way?"—Chicago Tribune.

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TWINKLINGS.

— Tess—She's very mannish, isn't she? Jess—Awfully so. She can't force her way through a crowd of women at all.—*Philadelphia Press*

— "Where is the missing link?" asked the mother monkey, jocosely, meaning her small offspring. "Missing," replied the father, gravely.—*Ohio State Journal*

— "Yes, she is a wonderful actress. It is expected that she will create a furore when she comes." "What's the little dog's name?"—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

— Mrs. Rose—Carrie says that Mr. Settle is the best man in the world. Mrs Sage—That's what a woman always thinks of the first man who takes notice of her.—*Boston Transcript.*

— Hester—I should like to know, Uncle George, what the difference is between stealing and embezzling. Can you tell me? Uncle George—It all depends upon the size of the swag, my dear.—*Boston Transcript.*

— "Brother Williams, how do you stand in this campaign—wet, or dry?" "Well, suh, at de present speaking' I is ez dry ez a summer wind out rain! Is you got any dram 'bout you?—*Atlanta Constitution*

— "Are you fond of pictures?" asked the man who is interested in art. "I should say so!" answered Broncho Bob. "Give me jacks, queens or kings every time. I always did hate to fool with ten spots or less."—*Washington Star.*

— City Editor—Why do you say "he ran into the police station, puffing and blowing?" Puffing and blowing are synonymous. Reporter—Not at all. There's a vast difference, for instance between puffing a man up and blowing him up.

— "I should like," said the man, "to get a position as proof reader." "Sorry," said the publisher, "but we have laid off all our proof readers; don't need 'em." "You don't!" "No; we're publishing nothing but dialect stories now."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— The Healing Touch of Time—Mrs. Dash—The idea of Mrs Rash having society aspirations; why, her father was a huckster. Mr. Dash—Yes; she's entirely too forward. She ought to hang back until people have forgotten it. Now, in our case, my dear, it was your grandfather was a huckster.—*Life.*

The Widow Was Comforted.

"There is no accounting for the construction which some people will put upon certain passages of Scripture," remarked a clergyman. "I remember the story of one clergyman who went to call on a woman whose husband had recently died. He had expected, quite naturally, to find her heartbroken with the burden of her sorrow and was greatly surprised when she greeted him with a very happy smile and ushered him into the parlor.

"'Well—er—sister,' he said at length, 'you have my warmest sympathy.'

"'Thank you, doctor,' replied the widow casually. 'I did feel very badly—very badly indeed. But I came across a verse of Scripture which comforted me very much indeed.'

"'And what was the verse, sister?' inquired the clergyman.

"'I don't remember just where to find it,' replied the widow, 'but it was made up of only four words—four helpful words—'Why need I care?'"—Brooklyn Citizen.

Jay Gould's First Trade.

Two boys who became distinguished in widely different ways were Jay Gould, the multimillionaire, and John Burroughs, the naturalist. They attended together the humble school in Roxbury, N. Y. John loved books, and Jason was fond of making trades. Young Gould had some books which his school fellow wanted very much to own. The more Burroughs thought about the coveted books and more diligently he strove to save up his pennies. Finally he had 80 cents hoarded. Taking his wealth to Gould he found that thrifty young gentleman quite willing to do business. The books were traded off for the money—mostly big copper pennies—and both boys were made happy. Mr. Burroughs never regretted his end of the bargain.—Success.

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Shoulders ℔ ℔	9	@	9½
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Sides ℔ ℔	9¾@		9¾
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Second-hand, each	1 35	@	1 35
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Wilmington ℔ M	5 50	@	7 00
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Sperm	18	@	25
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Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
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Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	18 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	6 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 25	@	3 75
Mullets, ℔ half barrel	6 50	@	7 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ D	6	@	10
" Extra	4 00	@	8 00
FLOUR—℔ B—			
Low grade	3 35	@	3 80
Choice	3 75	@	4 00
Straight	3 85	@	4 75
First Patent	5 00	@	5 25
GLUE—℔ D	8	@	10
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bbs—White	63	@	63
Mixed Corn		@	62½
Oats, from store (mixed)	60	@	62½
Oats, Seed Proof	75	@	85
Cow Peas		@	1 05
HIDES—℔ D—			
Green salted	4	@	5
Dry flint	10	@	11
Dry salt	9	@	10
HAY ℔ 100 ℔			
No 1 Timothy	90	@	1 00
Rice Straw		@	60
N. C. Crop	75	@	80
HOOP IRON—℔ D—	6½@		8
CHEESE—℔ D—			
Northern Factory	13½@		14
Dairy Cream	12	@	13½
Half Cream	10	@	12½
LARD, ℔ D—			
Northern	8½	@	12½
North Carolina	10	@	12½
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 10	@	1 20
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
Clear Mess		@	18 50
Rump		@	18 50
Prime		@	18 00
ROPE, ℔ D—	11	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool		@	50
American		@	50
On 120 ℔ Sacks	50	@	60
SUGAR, ℔ D—Standard Gran'd		@	5 00
Standard A		@	4¾
White Extra C	4¾@		4¾
Extra C, Golden		@	4¼
C Yellow		@	4
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	13 00	@	15 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	13 00
Dressing Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	20 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogsheads		@	32
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	30
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	30	@	31
Porto Rico, in barrels	28	@	33
Sugar House, in hogsheads	13	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	17	@	27
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	2 35	@	2 45
SOAP, ℔ B—Northern	3½@		4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	8 00	@	9 00
Common mill	4 00	@	5 00
Fair mill	5 00	@	6 50
Prime mill	6 50	@	7 50
Extra mill	8 00	@	8 50
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x18 heart	6 25	@	7 00
" Sap	5 50	@	6 00
5x20 Heart	3 50	@	4 00
" Sap	3 50	@	3 50
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon Northern	1 00	@	1 10

A Unique Plant.

Those who indulge in the luscious peanut, or groundnut, will be interested to learn what was said of this commodity at the New York botanical garden recently. As the name peanut indicates, it is a member of the pea family and is not a nut at all, but just as much a "pea in the pod" as any pea or bean. The curious fact about groundnuts is their burrowing habit.

The plant looks very much like clover, but has a small bloom, from which descends a long filament carrying the embryo peanut. No sooner does this touch the sandy ground in which the plant grows than it develops into the nut as we know it.

With the sharp, hard point of the shell the nut works its way down into the sandy soil and continues attached to the parent plant by the little filament, through which it nourishes its parent in dutiful fashion. The reasoning instinct of the plants is interesting, for should it happen that an obstruction is placed in the way of the infant peanut or if the sand should be dug away at the place it had planned to enter the earth it will give up the effort and die.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, February 20.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 15 per barrel for strained and $1.20 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.20 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at $1.35 per barrel for hard, $2.50 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 38@37½c; rosin firm at $1 15@1.20; tar firm at $1 20; crude turpentine firm at $1.50 @2.30.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	3
Rosin	1,261
Tar	479
Crude turpentine	27

Receipts same day last year—14 casks spirits turpentine, 478 barrels rosin, 349 barrels tar, 19 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5½	cts ℔
Good ordinary	7½	" "
Low middling	7¾	" "
Middling	8¼	" "
Good middling	8 9-16	" "

Same day last year, market firm at 9½c for middling.

Receipts—215 bales; same day last year, 351.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish, 70@75c.

CORN—Firm, 85@87½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 12½@13c; sides, 12½@13c.

EGGS—Firm at 24c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 20@25c; springs, 10@18c.

TURKEYS—Dressed, firm at 12@14c; live, 9@10c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 70@75c per bushel

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Money on call was quoted steady at 2@2½ per cent; closing offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was quoted strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 487¾ for demand and at 484½ for sixty days. Posted rates 485¼@486 and 488@488¼. Commercial bills 484¼@485¼. Bar silver 55¼. Mexican dollars 43¾. Government bonds strong. State bonds were inactive. Railroad bonds were weak. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 108¼; U. S. refunding 3's, coupon, 108¼; U. S 5's, registered, 108½; do. coupon, 108½. U. S. 4's, new registered, 139½; do. coupon 139½; U. S. 4's, old registered, 112½; do. coupon, 112½; U. S. 5's registered, 106½; do. coupon, 106½; Southern Railway, 5's, 120; Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 108¼; Chesapeake & Ohio 45½; Manhattan L 133½; New York Central 162½; Reading 56; do. 1st preferred 83; do. 2nd preferred 67¼; St. Paul 163¼; do. pref'd, 188½; Southern R'way 33½; do. pref'd 98¼; Amalgamated Copper 69; Am's Tobacco —; People's Gas 99¼; Sugar 129; Tennessee Coal and Iron 67½; U. S. Leather 11; do. pref'd, 81½; Western Union 91½; U. S. Steel 43¾; do. preferred 93½; Mexican National 16¼; American Locomotive 31; do. preferred 92½; Standard Oil 640@650.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 20.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 24½@25¼; do. preferred, 46½@47; do 4s 84¼@84½.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 20.—Spirits turpentine unchanged. Rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 20.—Spirits turpentine firm at 43c; receipts 231 casks; sales —— casks; exports 118 casks Rosin firm; receipts 3,828 barrels; sales 3,514 barrels; exports 201 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 30; E, $1 30; F, $1 40; G, $1 47½; H, $1 53½; I, $1 75; K, $2 35; M, $2 75; N, $3 25; W G, $3 60; W W, $3 85.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The cotton market opened easy, with prices two to three points lower, and continued to decline later in the morning under active selling of long cotton and vigorous bear pressure, all induced by weakness in the Liverpool market and by larger receipts at the ports than looked for. The bear element contend that the bull movement was at an end and that receipts will continue large from this out. Yet it was seen that export clearances were very large, several thousand bales in excess of port receipts, thus causing a further reduction in port stocks. Again interior town stocks had to make good a shortage of some 700 bales between receipts and shipments. The Southern spot markets failed to reflect the slightest weakness. May touched 8 45 on the first down turn and then followed an uneventful course until the afternoon, when shorts suddenly became frightened by red ports that export clearances would continue to far overtop port receipts. The market was found to be practically bare of offerings and from 8 46 May shot up to 8 55 in about as many minutes as there were points in the advance. Profit-taking by ring longs later caused a partial reaction but at the close the market was steady and net unchanged to four points high.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Cotton quiet at 8 13 16c; net receipts 606 bales; gross receipts 3,121 bales; stock 122,508 bales.

Spot cotton market closed quiet; middling uplands 8 13-16c; middling gulf 9 1-16c; sales 110 bales.

Cotton futures market closed steady: February 8 58, March 8.62, April 8 58, May 8.50, June 8 50, July 8 50, August 8.31, September 7.94, October 7 82.

Total to-day—Net receipts 19,534 bales; exports to Great Britain 18,672 bales; exports to France 3 900 bales; exports to the Continent 1,681 bales; stock 777,900 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 133,805 bales; exports to Great Britain 44,161 bales; exports to France 23,044 bales; exports to the Continent 49,957 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 6,371,930 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,418,997 bales; exports to France 609,117 bales; exports to the Continent 1,928,539 bales.

Feb. 20.—Galveston, quiet at 8 5-16c, net receipts 7,340 bales; Norfolk, dull at 8¼c, net receipts 1,708 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8¼c, net receipts

PUZZLE PICTURE.

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A BLACK ROBED MAN

One November night some years ago, soon after I had been called to the bar, I dined with some friends. It was shortly after the close of the last Carlist war, and I was employed in an important case in which the liberty and probably the life of a distinguished Carlist leader were at stake. This gentleman was a relative of my mother, and, apart from my youthful enthusiasm for my profession, I was devoting all my time and every scrap of energy I possessed to his interests.

Now, the fact that I had been dining out will no doubt be seized upon by skeptical persons, and to their minds will probably explain all the circumstances that I am now going to set down. I can only state most solemnly that when they occurred I was never more in my sober senses.

It was long past midnight when I took leave of my friends. As I passed along I had the street almost to myself, and I paced briskly, enjoying the night air. Suddenly, though I heard no sound of footsteps, the sensation came to me that some one was walking behind me. I glanced around and saw the figure of a man walking on the outside of the pavement about six paces in my rear.

He was tall and clad in a long black cloak, the end of which was thrown over his right shoulder in the Spanish fashion and in such a manner as to conceal the lower half of his face. A broad black sombrero was crushed down over his brows and from beneath its brim nothing but the tip of a thin white nose was visible. His appearance at once brought my mind back to the case on which I was engaged, and I could not help wondering whether this figure, which looked so singular in its Spanish costume in the streets of London, was not in some way connected with it.

As I walked on I began to be somewhat uneasy. There were so few people about. I thought of assassination. I knew the murderous nature of the "Navaja," and I was defenseless, not having even the protection of a stick. Then again, I reflected, it might be that this man was some compatriot of my client, who wished to make some communication to me, but if so, why did he not approach? I felt he was still behind me, although his foot made no sound on the curb.

Not relishing the close attendance of the mysterious stranger, I crossed over to the other side of the street, where, at least, I would be better able to observe his motions, but before I had got half way across I was aware that he had also left the pavement and was following me at the same distance as before. All this was sufficiently singular and perturbing, for I now felt certain that the man was following me. To make quite certain I presently crossed the street again, and, sure enough, there was my pursuer at the same distance at my heels.

I now resolved to take action, and, turning myself sharply around, I asked him what he desired of me. To my consternation there was no one there! I rubbed my eyes. I walked a few paces back. I examined one or two doors which I had just passed, but all were securely fastened and there was no trace of the mysterious figure in any direction. I asked myself what it could mean.

But where had the man vanished to? An uneasy feeling began to take possession of me. I am not superstitious, but the apparition was so extraordinary in itself and its disappearance so unaccountable that I felt a cold shiver traverse the region of my spine. Presently I walked on, a good deal bewildered and upset by my experience.

When I reached home, in the little well-like courtyard before my own door stood the figure silently awaiting me. My heart stood still for a moment as I found myself face to face with the inscrutable being that had haunted my homeward journey. There was something so sinister in the man's aspect, something so daunting and uncanny in the silent persistence with which he had led me to my very door, that I confess I was terrified, and my heart began to flutter in my bosom.

I did not know how to act. I tried to speak, but my tongue refused to utter a sound. Something had to be done, however, and I advanced a few paces. The figure immediately turned and disappeared in the black archway of the passage to my stairs.

I finally went out at the other door of the inn, and, being quite unable to overcome my fears, I went and put up at a hotel for the night. I passed a restless night and only fell asleep at dawn, and it was 11 o'clock before I awoke.

When I arrived at Staple inn the first person I saw was the night porter. "Lord bless me, Mr. Percival," said he, running toward me, "I am glad to see you. We thought you must be killed. We've had a terrible smash here. Have you your keys? We were just going to break open your door, for we could get no answer."

By this time we had arrived at my door, where my oak was still bravely sported. On entering a strange sight met our eyes. The huge brick chimney of the house had fallen in through the roof during the night and the room was filled with its debris. It had crashed down into my bedroom and fallen right upon my wooden bed, the broken fragments of which were in all corners of the room.

I had escaped certain death.

I never saw my ghostly visitant again, and the case against my Carlist client was decided in his favor. Whether there was any connection between the two events I am unable to say. I have narrated the circumstances as they happened, with no touch of exaggeration and no embellishment of fancy.—Penny Pictorial Magazine.

Feeding In Molting Time.

During molting fowls need stimulating food and old process linseed meal, meat meal and fresh ground bone are valuable and can hardly be fed to excess. Meat helps the molt greatly, and a little piece each day works wonders. It is well to remember that molting can be hastened by keeping the fowls in a warm place and correspondingly retarded by keeping them in a cool place. Thus a fowl which is desired for exhibition at a fall fair which comes at about the time the bird would molt may be kept in condition by confinement in a very light cellar or other cool place.

Don't Force the Hens.

If you are wise in your day and generation, you will not attempt to force the hens for egg production at this season of the year. Instead it is a good idea to give them rather short rations for a week or so and then supply in the mash all the linseed meal they will stand without detriment to health. This will assist in getting the hens over the molt promptly, and you will then have them in the best possible condition for the late fall and early winter egg campaign.—Treat M. Wright in Poultry Monthly.

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FOR LAYERS AND BREEDERS

Interior of One of the Houses at White Leghorn Poultry Yards.

In Reliable Poultry Journal Mr. Theodore Hewes gives an interesting description of the White Leghorn poultry yards of Mr. C. G. Brainard at Waterville, N. Y. This plant enters upon the winter with 2,500 layers, all White Leghorns. In his description of the plant Mr. Hewes says:

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INTERIOR OF STOCKHOUSE

and satisfactory prices are obtained. From Sept. 1 to March 31 the regular price is 30 cents per dozen; from April 1 to Sept. 1, 20 cents per dozen. These prices are readily secured for all eggs that can be supplied; hence Mr. Brainard is planning additions to his plant, to be made during the next twelve months, that will give the White Leghorn poultry yard a capacity of 5,000 layers."

An interior view of one of the houses on this farm is reproduced here. These houses, of which there will be fourteen when the carpenters finish their present contract, are 16 by 112 feet in size. There is a solid partition from floor to ceiling between the hallway and pens, and all outside walls are double boarded, with building paper between. There are two double windows to each room. These houses are used for winter layers.

Praise For Bantams.

Bantams are the gems of the poultry family and possess that grace of motion, luster of plumage and cuteness that make them at once the pets of the children and the admiration of older people. They are seldom met with on farms; nevertheless they possess merit of high order, and if we compare their cost of feed and their egg production with that of the larger breeds we will be compelled to pronounce them the most economical fowls we have. The amount of food necessary for their healthful growth is very small, not over one-fifth of that required by a Cochin, and they stand confinement so well as to need but small inclosures. Naturally tame, they cause little trouble as foragers and require only a reasonable height of fence. As layers, bantams are exceedingly generous, and, while the eggs are small, yet it is a fact instantly to be noted through a practical experiment that their eggs are nearly all yolk and especially rich.

As mothers the bantams are highly valued and, like all little folks, are quick and courageous. Some breeders make a specialty of bantams and find them very profitable. They lay many eggs, which find ready sale at good prices.—J. H. D. in Practical Poultryman.

Decrease In Duck Crop.

Everything points to a smaller crop of ducks. From the estimates given it would be fair to place the crop fully 10 per cent short of last year. Last year the crop was fully 20 per cent less than the year 1898, but as the crop of that year was away above an average crop the production this year will not be much below an average crop. Prices realized have not been giving much encouragement to farmers to raise ducks. They seem to have been marketed freely on account of the anticipated scarcity of feed and the short water supply.—A Few Hens.

He Kept His Leg.

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Ar Jacksonville	9.05 a m	2 50 p m
Ar Tampa	5.40 p m	8.00 a m

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Ar Raleigh	2 00 a m	1.05 a m
Ar Portsmouth	5.50 a m	11.00 p m
Ar Norfolk	7.15 a m	9.25 p m
Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7.25 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 10 a m	10.15 a m
Ar Norfolk	5.50 a m	1.05 p m
Ar Petersburg	5 54 a m	2.36 p m
Ar Richmond	6.35 a m	3.00 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	6.40 p m
Ar Baltimore	11.35 a m	9.30 p m
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To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 07	9 00
7 00	7 07	Morehead City	7 45	7 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.05 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 5.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.55 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.20 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.55 A. M., Warsaw 11.51 A. M., Goldsboro 12.31 P. M., Wilson 1.18 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.59 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M. Weldon 4.55 P. M., Petersburg 6.45 P. M., Richmond 7.45 P. M., Norfolk 5.15 P. M., Washington 11.47 P. M. Baltimore 1.40 A. M., Philadelphia 4.05 A. M., New York 7.15 A. M., *Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 5.30 P. M., Warsaw 6.40 P. M., Goldsboro 7.27 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., *Tarboro 9.34 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.33 P. M. Weldon 1.37 A. M., *Norfolk 1.40 P. M. Petersburg 3.1 A. M., Richmond 3.27 A. M., Washington 7.30 A. M., Baltimore 9.07 A. M., Philadelphia 11.1[illegible] A. M. New York 1.43 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 8.05 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.15 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY except Sunday 6.00 A. M. — No. 51—Due Lake Waccamaw 7.10 A. M., Chadbourn, 7.41 A. M., Marion 8.40 A. M., Florence 9.25 A. M., Lanes 11 00 A. M., Charleston 1 10 P. M.

DAILY 2.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.56 P. M., Chadbourn 6.20 P. M. Marion 6.49 P. M., Florence 7.35 P. M., Sumter 9 15 P. M., Columbia 10.40 P. M. Denmark 6.14A. M., Augusta 5.10 A. M. Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 11.15 P. M., Savannah 3.00 A. M., Jacksonville 8.50 A. M., St. Augustine 10 50 A. M., Tampa 10.00 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.10 A. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.00 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.05 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.25 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM [illegible]

NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.00 P. M., New York *3.30 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 3.55 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 7.20 A. M., Petersburg 8.48 A. M., Norfolk 7.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.50 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.59 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.18 P. M., Warsaw 4.10 P. M., Magnolia 4.25 P. M.

DAILY 10.10 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.00 night, New York 9.25 A. M., Philadelphia 12.03 P. M., Baltimore 3.18 P. M. Washington 4.40 P. M., Richmond 7.20 P. M., Petersburg 7 10 P. M., *Norfolk 4.00 P. M., Weldon 9.38 P. M., *Tarboro 7.20 P. M., Rocky Mount 8.45 A. M. Leave Wilson 6 30 A. M., Goldsboro7.21 A. M., Warsaw 8 24 A. M., Magnolia 8.37 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 53—Passenger—Leave Newbern 2.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.55 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY except Sunday 11.30 A. M. — No. 50—Leave Charleston 4.30 P. M. Lanes 6.06 P. M., Florence 8 15 P. M. Marion 8.54 P. M., Chadbourn 9.53 P. M., Lake Waccamaw 10.21 P. M.

DAILY 1.40 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.40 A. M. Sanford 2.10 P. M., Jacksonville 6.50 P. M., Savannah 1.00 A. M., Charleston 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M. Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 9.30 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M. Columbia 6.05 A. M., Sumter 6.30 P. M., Florence 10.10 A. M., Marion 10.52 A. M., Chadbourn 11.58 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.30 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. — No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.30 P. M. arrive Fayetteville 4.30 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.35 P. M.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.10 A. M. Maxton 9.05 A. M., Red Springs 9.32 A. M., Parkton 10.05 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.40 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.10 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

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Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 8.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 10 A. M., arrives Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.10 P. M., Halifax 3.39 P. M., arrive Scotland Neck 4.10 P. M., Greenville 5.27 P. M., Kinston 6.45 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 9.30 A. M., Greenville 8.30 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.05 A. M., Weldon 11.30 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 5.00 A. M. and 3.45 P. M.; arrive Parmele 8.55 A. M. and 4.10 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 11 10 A. M. and 5.22 P. M.; arrives Washington 12 30 A. M and 6.15 P. M. Daily except Sunday

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 4.35 P. M.; Sunday, 4.35 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 6.35 P. M. and 6.30 P. M. Returning leave Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.30 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 9.55 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro daily except Sunday 5.50 A. M., arriving Smithfield 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7.00 A. M., arrives at Goldsboro 8.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 2.35 A. M., 4.0 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.30 A. M., 4.25 P. M., Spring Hope 11.05 A. M., 4.45 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.30 A. M., 5.15 P. M., Nashville 11.45 A. M. 5.45 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M. 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 6.45 A. M and 2.50 P. M

Train leaves Fee Dee 10.13 A. M., arrive Latta 10.46 A. M., Dillon 10.58 A. M., Rowland 11.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 3.15 P. M.; arrives Dillon 3.31 P. M., Latta 3.44 P. M., Fee Dee 7.06 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Chadbourn 12.01 P. M.; arrive Conway 3.20 P. M.; returning leave Conway 3.35 P. M. arrive Chadbourn 5.00 P. M. leave Chadbourn 3.35 P. M., arrive Hired 5.10 A. M., returning leave Hired 5.40 A. M., arrive Chadbourn 11.25 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 6.30 P. M., Manning 6.56 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.40 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.00 A. M., Manning 9.00 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8.40 A. M., *7.00 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10 A. M., *8.30 P. M.; leave Georgetown 6.30 A. M.; *4.15 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.00 A. M.; *9.35 P. M.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 10.05 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.30 A. M., Hartsville 2.50 P. M., Cheraw 11.45 A. M., Wadesboro 12.50 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 3.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 3.25 P. M., Bennettsville 9.20 P. M., Gibson 10.02 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 10.05 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.30 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.05 A. M. Bennettsville 7.05 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.15 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.25 A. M., Darlington 6.20 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M. arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.59 P. M., 11.10 P. M., arrive Selma 2.43 P. M. 11.59 P. M. Smithfield 3.03 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M. Fayetteville 4.35 P. M., 1.10 A. M., Rowland 6.10 P. M., returning leave Rowland 11.15 A. M. Fayetteville 12.35 P. M., 10.07 P. M., Dunn 1.34 P. M. Smithfield 2.03 P. M. Selma 2.10 P. M., 11.35 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.57 P. M., 12.07 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.28 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.14 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.26 P. M., Creston 5.26 P. M. Sumter 6.19 P. M. Daily.

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FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21.

A DENIAL FROM BERLIN.

A Christian Scientist Says the Kaiser Has Not Opened War On Mrs. Eddy's Followers.

The STAR has received the following clipping from the Boston *Herald* of February 10th, with a request to publish by Miss Mary Hatch Harrison, of the Christian Science Publication Committee of North Carolina:

"Emperor William has not yet determined, as alleged, to suppress Christian Science in Germany, according to a cablegram just received from Mrs. Florena Tourber Seal, leader of the Christian Science movement at Berlin, by Alford Farlow, international chairman of the Christian Science Publication Committee in this city.

"Mrs. Seal's cablegram reads: 'The Reichstag is debating. The Emperor has held a conference. His position is undefined. The trouble seems to have been aroused by the widespread advertisement of healing methods by a German publication, *Dis Journal der Metaphysischen Hielenathoce.*'

"Mr. Farlow explains that this metaphysical journal is not a Christian Science publication, and its teachings are not those of the denomination. It treats of mental healing purely and entirely from a commercial standpoint, and makes no profession of advocating it as a religion. Christian Science, on the other hand, claims to be a religion which cures sin and error, and secondarily cures disease, and holds that its practice is not a business, but a ministry."

CUBAN RECIPROCITY.

Proposition for a Reduction of Forty Per Cent in Duties On Each Side Favored by the Administration.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 20.—The Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee were in private conference for three hours this afternoon on the subject of Cuban reciprocity, and although the conference went over until 2 P. M. to-morrow, yet the members found themselves for the first time in possession of a proposition commanding considerable strength and understood to represent the attitude of the administration. This proposition was brought forward by Representative Long, of Kansas, and authorized the President, when Cuba was prepared to grant forty per cent. reduction in duties on United States exports to the island, to grant to Cuba a similar reduction of forty per cent. on all the products of the island coming to the United States. This was a straight reciprocity proposition, each side granting forty per cent. reduction, without the complications appearing in some of the other propositions as to the method of payment, etc.

Mr. Long's proposition drew out extended discussion, which indicated a tendency on the part of Mr. Payne, the chairman, and Mr. McCall to support it.

Various other suggestions were put forward and discussed, but none took definite form beyond that of Mr. Long's. It is understood that the issue is likely to be made on this proposition, since it is believed to represent the concessions which the administration believes should be granted on both sides.

TRAGEDY IN PHILADELPHIA.

Young Woman Shot and Killed by Her Lover, Who Afterwards Failed in an Attempt at Suicide.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—Confined to her bed with a badly injured ankle, the result of a fall last week, Miss Gertrude Gothie, aged 22 years, was shot dead to day by her lover, George Sutton, aged 19 years, who with his mother had come to the young woman's home in West Philadelphia to pay a visit. Still standing beside the bed Sutton sent a bullet into his own breast, but his attempt to end his life was defeated by hospital physicians, who say he will recover.

The young couple had been friends for years, but differences in religion, youthfulness and parental objections prevented them from becoming married. To-day Sutton and his mother visited the girl's home and were shown to her room by her mother. After a short stay, the parents retired to another room, leaving the lovers alone. A few minutes later several shots were heard. The two mothers hastened to Miss Gertrude's room, where they found the girl lying dead in bed with a bullet hole over her heart and another through the right hand. Sutton left the house immediately after the shooting and fell from exhaustion from his own bullet wound, a block from the girl's home. He is now in the hospital.

CUT UP BY BOERS.

The Scots Greys Met With Disaster in an Engagement at Klipdam.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A detachment of the Scots Greys (Second Dragoons), one of Great Britain's crack dragoon regiments, has been cut up by the Boers at Klipdam. Maj. C. W. M. Feilden and Capt. E. Ussher were severely wounded, two men were killed, six were wounded and forty-six were captured. The news was received this morning from Lord Kitchener in a dispatch dated Pretoria, February 19th. The Scots Greys formed part of Gen. Gilbert Hamilton's column. The latter, while moving on Nigel, February 18th, engaged a force of Boers at Klipdam. The Scots Greys became detached, were surrounded and cut off. General Hamilton was unable to dislodge the Boers from their position, so he continued his march toward Nigel. The Boers released the Scots Greys who had been made prisoners.

Idador Rayner, counsel for Rear Admiral W. S. Schley, left Baltimore for Washington yesterday. He declined to comment upon President Roosevelt's decision in the matter of Admiral Schley's appeal from the findings of the court of inquiry.

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THE PHILIPPINE SEDITION LAWS.

Vigorously Attacked in a Speech in the Senate by Senator Patterson of Colorado.

THE COMMISSION DENOUNCED

Declared His Belief That Gov. Taft Misrepresented the True Situation in the Islands for Motives Unknown. House Proceedings.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—With the exception of a few minutes given to routine business, the Senate to day devoted its entire session to the Philippine question. Mr. Patterson, of Colorado, one of the minority members of the Philippine committee, delivered his first extended speech in the Senate and was given a most attentive and careful hearing. He discussed principally the sedition laws enacted by the Philippine commission, vigorously attacking the authority of the commission to enact and enforce such laws. He maintained that Congress alone had the power to put in force enactments of that character. He compared information furnished by the executive departments of the government with some of the statements of Gov. Taft, in his testimony before the Philippine commission with respect to the capabilities of the Philippine people, and declared with some heat, his belief that Governor Taft misrepresented the true situation in the islands for motives unknown.

The Sedition Laws.

Senator Patterson declared that only four of the fifteen acts of the Philippine commission relating to conspiracy against the United States had any resemblance to the statutes of the United States. The remainder, he held, were taken bodily from the statutes of Spain, as enacted by the Spanish Cortes. He declared, after analyzing the enactments, that no greater outrage could be inflicted upon a people than the enforcement of the sedition laws enacted by the Philippine commission. Acts more tyrannical, more unconstitutional and more inimical to the interests of the people, he asserted, never were enacted and they ought to be repealed immediately by act of Congress.

Senator Patterson maintained that under the enactments of the Philippine commission any person found distributing the Congressional Record containing speeches of any member of the minority upon the Philippine question, would be liable to fine and imprisonment. He denounced such a condition as unwarranted and extraordinary and without any constitutional authority. He declared that the sedition laws enacted by Congress in 1798 were a beacon light of liberty and independence as compared with the laws enacted by the Philippine commission. He said that Governor Taft had explained that in instances where the death penalty was inflicted under the law, the cases had to be taken to the Supreme Court, but in all cases of fine and imprisonment no such appeal was permissible.

Defamers of the Filipinos

Discussing the testimony of Gov. Taft before the Philippine commission, Senator Patterson said that seldom had a people been held up to a greater contumely and scorn than had been applied to the Filipinos by Judge Taft, "who, temporarily at least, is their owner."

Governor Taft declared, he said, that no people in the islands were fit for jury duty because the body of the people was "either corrupt or open to corruption." The Colorado Senator was of opinion that Gov. Taft was not frank with the committee and he believed that the American authorities were afraid to trust jury duty with the Filipinos lest the right of imprisonment thereby should be taken out of the hands of the commission's officials. He felt that the Filipinos had been maligned and slandered and he took issue with Gov. Taft and with other defamers of the Filipinos upon that point and quoted documents to substantiate his position.

Six Million Christians.

In conclusion, Mr. Patterson referred to the fact that 6,000,000 of the people of the islands were Christians. "But," said he, "they are not Protestant Christians. Senators may smile," he continued, "but I have it in my mind that if the 6,000,000 of Filipino Christians had learned their Christianity in the sanctuaries of the Methodist, Presbyterian or Baptist churches and were as well founded in the cardinal principles of Christianity as they are to-day, there would be such an uprising of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist denominations at the cruel, unconstitutional and relentless treatment of their people in the Philippines that few members of the Congress supporting that policy would face their wrath. But the Filipinos are not Protestant Christians."

Supported the Government.

Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, presented a legal and constitutional argument in support of this government's action in the Philippine archipelago and sharply criticised Mr. Patterson for injecting into the controversy the question of sectarianism.

Senator Nelson maintained that the right of a trial by jury was not necessarily a constitutional right.

Senator McCumber of North Dakota urged that Congress should not bind the future now by a declaration of a definite policy regarding the Philippines, as it was desirable that all possible information should be in hand before a permanent policy was determined upon.

The Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

House of Representatives.

The House spent the day working on the Indian Appropriation bill. Forty-two of the sixty-two pages were disposed of. Several amendments were adopted; none, however, of much moment. The appropriation for preliminary work on the reservoir for the Gila River valley went out on a point of order. Mr. Smith (Arizona) offered an amendment to strike out the appropriation for the Carlisle school and it became the text for a general onslaught upon the practice of educating Indians in Eastern schools. But the amendment was defeated. Just before the close of the session, Mr. Fitzgerald, New York, made an attack upon the superintendent of the school at Mount Pleasant, Mich., who, he said, was charged with permitting the debauching of Indian girls. Mr. Sherman, chairman of the Indian committee, promised to make an investigation at the Indian office to-morrow.

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TRIAL OF PATRICK FOR MURDER OF WM. M. RICE.

Charles F. Jones, Valet of the Millionaire, Tells How the Old Man Was Killed by Himself and the Prisoner.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb 20.—A very dramatic point in the trial of Lawyer Albert T. Patrick for the murder of the Texas millionaire, William Marsh Rice, was reached this afternoon. Chas. F. Jones, the valet, had been relating the circumstances leading up to the somewhat sudden death of Mr. Rice in September. Then, plunging at once into the details he held the attention of his audience to the end of his recital. Freed of minor points his story follows:

In August Patrick grew impatient Mr. Rice, though an invalid, was living too long to suit the lawyer's purposes. Patrick said he would come to the house and kill him himself if necessary. He suggested chloroform, and Jones said he would get some. The idea of chloroform as a means was suggested by a magazine article. It was determined on after Jones had talked with a physician, who said a person whose heart was affected, as was Mr. Rice's, could be most easily killed with it, and that little trace of the drug would be left. Jones got a two-ounce vial of it by writing to his brother in Texas.

Jones then branched off into the alleged plan adopted to weaken the already sick old man. This was by giving him mercury and iron pills. The pills brought on debilitating diarrhœa. Then unwittingly a friend brought Mr. Rice a present of bananas; Of these the old man ate nine. The fruit made him exceedingly ill and yet the weakening doses of mercury were kept up. By Saturday, being about the eighth day of the last illness, Mr. Rice became delirious. This testimony brought the events up to Sunday, the day of death, and the witness had said that during these ten days of illness he had kept Patrick informed of the details personally and by telephone.

William Marsh Rice's quick death, declared the witness, was decided at a conference between Patrick and Jones held Saturday night. Jones had told the lawyer of the arrival of a draft for $25,000. Patrick told him it was time to apply the chloroform, now that the draft had come, and Captain Baker was coming, or they would lose all. Jones agreed.

Jones here told his story of the actual killing. He made a cone of a towel, in the small end of which was a chloroform soaked sponge. Creeping into the room where Mr. Rice lay sleeping, he quickly covered the sleeper's face with the large end of the cone. Jones rushed out of the room. In half an hour he came back. He removed the cone. Mr. Rice was dead. Jones swore he telephoned to Patrick the words: "Mr. Rice is very ill," the agreed signal between the two of death. Jones' story of the end was concluded by the statement that Patrick came to the house and removed all of Mr. Rice's papers.

TERRIFIC WIND STORM.

A Carriage Factory Wrecked at Valdosta, Ga.—Loss $10,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

VALDOSTA, GA., Feb. 20.—During a terrific wind storm here to-day the carriage factory of the Roberts Cranford Dasher Company was wrecked. The building fell fifteen minutes before the employes were due to begin their day's work. The loss to the company is $10,000. No further damage than shade trees and fences destroyed has been reported.

In Alabama.

MOBILE, ALA., Feb 20-The wind storm which visited Mobile last night at one time reached the velocity of 45 miles an hour, blowing down trees and fences and prostrating telegraph wires. A number of boats broke from their moorings and were swept out into the river but were only slightly damaged.

OPELIKA, ALA., Feb. 20.-A severe wind storm accompanied by heavy rain passed over this section last night. Many trees were blown down and miles of fences levelled. There was no loss of life.

GAVE HIMSELF UP.

Lee Turner, Kentucky Desperado, in Custody at Knoxville, Tenn.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Feb. 20.—Lee Turner, proprietor of the "Quarter House" saloon near Middlesboro, Ky., which was burned last week during the fight between officers and mountaineers, in which five men were killed, gave himself up to Marshal Mosley at La Folette and was brought to this city to-day. W. A. Owens, of Tazewell, and Jerry Jernigan, of Middlesboro, met them here, and as rewards have been offered for Turner's arrest they at once began negotiations with Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, contending that Turner is a citizen of Tennessee, has committed no offence and should not be taken back to Kentucky, where it is claimed his life would be in danger. Turner disclaims any part in the battle with the officers last week.

COLOMBIA'S REVOLUTION.

Fighting Between Government and Insurgent Forces Reported in Progress.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PANAMA, COLOMBIA, Feb. 20.—It is positively known here that the forces under the government General Castro and the revolutionary General Herrera, are fighting. Various and numerous reports have reached here of this engagement but they all lack confirmation.

The forces of the above mentioned commanders are in the vicinity of Agua Dulce, Yeguala and San Carlos between thirty and forty miles southwest of Panama.

FIRE IN RICHMOND.

Large Dry Goods Store Destroyed—Loss About $120,000—Insured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 20.—The large and fashionable dry goods store of Cordes & Mosby, on Broad street, was burned out to-night. The building and stock are a complete loss. The fire is supposed to have started at the foot of the elevator shaft, but how, it is not known. The loss is estimated at about $120,000; fully covered by insurance.

The Pope of Rome yesterday entered upon the 25th year of his pontificate. Although the main celebration of the jubilee is postponed until March 3rd, when the combined festivals of the jubilee and coronation will be observed, yesterday was marked by the singing of a te deum in St. Peters and other observances.

THE UPRISING IN SPANISH TOWNS.

Anarchists Believed to be the Prime Movers in the Incipient Revolution.

A BATTLE AT BARCELONA.

Troops Swept the Streets With Artillery. Five Hundred Killed and Wounded. Fighting at Other Places—Looting Stores and Houses.

By Cable to the Morning Star

BARCELONA, February 20. — The strikers to-day murdered three workmen who wished to resume work. The proprietor of a bakery who raised the price of bread was also killed.

It is hourly becoming more apparent that Anarchists are the prime movers in the incipient revolution. The markets are without provisions and the strikers are preventing the slaughter of animals. Additional reinforcements of troops are arriving here.

A mob stormed the arsenal at Sabadell, not far from Barcelona, and secured forty rifles, but these were subsequently recovered by the troops. Fresh fighting between the troops and rioters has occurred at Tarrasa and Sabadell.

Most of the ships in the harbor have been forced to leave without discharging their cargoes.

Incendiary posters have appeared here which threaten the orderly classes with terrible reprisals, saying that dynamite will be used to offset the mausers of the troops. The strikers are looting numerous shops and private houses.

The best known Anarchists have disappeared and the authorities are hunting for them.

The railroad officials have announced the suspension of service on the lines, owing to the resolute attacks which the rioters have made on the trains.

Trades unions throughout Spain have declared their adhesion to the cause of the Barcelona strikers.

The foreign consuls here held a meeting this afternoon.

A Fierce Battle Fought.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A message to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Barcelona, via Perpignan, France, says a fierce battle has been fought between the troops and the rioters in the suburb of Barcelona known as Sano Before the engagement, the cavalry and infantry had been posted at the most dangerous points and a field battery had been located on the plaza, from which advantageous points the guns could sweep the streets. When the first clash with the troops occurred, continues the dispatch, the artillery was brought into action and raked street after street. The rioters engaged the batteries at close range but were finally driven out. It is reported that 500 persons were killed and wounded on both sides. The entire neighborhood was wrecked by the shells. The ruins caught fire and this completed the destruction.

Further fighting is reported at Mataro, fifteen miles from Barcelona, where a quantity of arms have been discovered. Fighting is also reported at Tortosu, and Tarragona, respectively, one one hundred and fifty miles southwest of Barcelona.

More Fighting.

CERBERE, SPAIN, Feb. 20, 6 P. M.—Serious fighting is proceeding in all parts of Barcelona. A number of persons have already been killed or wounded.

Troops are arriving rapidly at Barcelona from all other districts.

The outbreak to-day between the strikers and troops began in Paraldo, Asalto and Rambla streets, where many shots were exchanged. A general panic prevails in Barcelona.

Martial Law to be Proclaimed.

MADRID, Feb. 20.—Premier Sagasta is preparing a decree establishing martial law throughout Spain. The signature of the decree, it is believed, will be followed by an extreme national crisis.

It was persistently said, when the Chamber of Deputies closed this evening, that the minister of war, General Weyler, had a long conference with the queen-regent yesterday, followed by a conference with the military authorities to-day. Afterwards, it is asserted, arms and ball cartridges were served out to the troops in Madrid, who are in readiness to start at a moment's notice.

Advices received here from Barcelona, say the mob does not offer any serious resistance when confronted by the troops, but rioters are continually sniping at the police and soldiers from behind doors, windows and from the roofs of houses, dispersing when the troops charge.

Strike Spreading.

The strike movement has begun to spread seriously. At Castellon de La Plana, taking advantage of the night and of the absence of the police, the strikers set fire to two factories with the aid of petroleum. The factories were burned. At a workmen's meeting held at Castellon de La Plana, a general strike was voted.

At Saragossa most of the factories have already closed on the demands of the workmen and the strikers are bringing pressure to bear to compel the factories still remaining open to close their doors. The captain general of Saragossa has wired for reinforcements.

A strike commenced at Valencia, but, owing to the refusal of the dock laborers to participate, it did not become general. The police at Valencia, assisted by the troops, have, up to the present time, been able to maintain order there.

A WELLS-FARGO MESSENGER.

Said to Have Robbed His Express Car of $35,000 and Escaped.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MONTEREY, MEX., Feb. 20 —The officers along the border are watching for George McCarthy, a Wells Fargo messenger who is alleged to have robbed his car at San Luis Polo, Mexico. The story of the disappearance of McCarthy, as told to the officers, is that he jumped from his car just as the train was leaving San Luis Polo depot, and it is claimed took with him between $35,000 and $40,000. He is thought to have boarded a freight train moving just behind the one he had left, and to have come north to Monterey. McCarthy soon learned, it is said, that he was being watched and before the officers arrived he left for Sonora in which section he is now believed to be.

The new steamship Kroonland was launched at Cramp's Shipyard yesterday. She is of the same type as the Vaderland and Zeland, is a sister ship to the Finland, in course of construction at Cramps. The Kroonland is the largest vessel thus far built in the United States.

NEW YORK'S LATEST MURDER MYSTERY.

The Shooting of Young Walter Brooks. Detectives Trying to Unearth Some Clue—Florence Burns.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Directing all their energies toward the discovery of the missing revolver in the case, county detectives attached to the district attorney's office are trying harder than ever to-day to unearth some clue to the recent mysterious shooting of young Walter Brooks, of Brooklyn, for which Florence Burns is now held.

Special orders, it is said, have been issued by the district attorney concerning the search for this weapon, as it is regarded as the most important link in the case. District Attorney Jerome does not entertain any theory of suicide. When asked to day concerning the statement of coroner's physician Albert T. Weston that in his opinion the young man might have taken his own life, the district attorney declared that Dr. Weston would not testify at the hearing that Brooks might have killed himself.

Florence Burns, the accused young woman, spent another quiet night in the Tombs, sleeping well and eating heartily. The chief difficulty in the way of the suicide theory, which it is said the police have never wholly given up, is the fact that no weapon was found in the room where young Brooks lay. If he had shot himself in the head, a weapon would almost surely be found near him, unless, as other theories have it, his companion grew frightened and carried the revolver away.

There were several witnesses in the case at the district attorney's office today, among them Joseph Cribbens, a messenger boy in Brooks' office. He told of the visits of Florence Burns to the office to see Brooks. He said he used to talk to her at times when Brooks was out and she would wait for him, and he told of her excitement on the Friday before the shooting of Brooks, when she called and he (Cribbens) told her of other women coming to see Brooks.

BOLD BANK ROBBER.

Daring Attempt On a Bank in the City of Mexico—Cashier Killed—The Robber Committed Suicide.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 20.—A daring and foolhardy attempt was made today to rob the London and Mexico bank, one of the strongest financial organizations in the City of Mexico, by an unknown robber, who after killing the cashier and seeing that he would be captured, blew his own brains out.

At an hour when business was slack and when no one but employes were in the bank, the robber entered the building and unobserved made his way to the vault. He covered the cashier with a pistol and demanded that he give up the money in his custody. Upon the cashier's refusal, the robber fired, the bullet striking the cashier in the head, killing him instantly. Other employes made a rush for the robber, who fired three shots at them without effect, and as the men continued to advance and seeing that his capture was inevitable, the robber turned his pistol upon himself and sent a bullet through his brain, dying instantly inside the bank.

The dead robber had no papers or any articles on his body that would serve to identify him, other than that he was an American. He was well dressed, in a tailor-made suit, wore a full beard, well trimmed, and was about 45 years of age. His general appearance was that of a well to do business man.

PRECIOUS STONES STOLEN.

The Altar of the Tiffany Chapel in the Cathedral of St. John, New York, Robbed by Thieves.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Seven of the precious stones in the altar of the Tiffany chapel, in the crypt of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, on Cathedral Heights, were removed by thieves who broke into the chapel early Wednesday morning, the fact becoming public to-day. The value of the stolen jewelry and particulars of the robbery are withheld by those in charge at the cathedral.

After mid-Tuesday the thieves, presumably two in number, gained access from the entrance on 113th street, opposite St. Luke's hospital. They then broke a window in the crypt, when they had an easy approach to the altar. This altar is of Cararra marble, faced with glass mosaics. The symbols of the four evangelists are done in mother-of pearl and a central monogram is threated with gold, garnets, precious stones and mother-of-pearl inlaid.

That the thieves were familiar with the nature of the altar is evident, for they unhesitatingly selected the most valuable jewels. The night watchman, it is supposed, was at the other end of his beat.

It is believed that the thieves are the same who attempted to rob the crypt about two weeks ago

MARCONI TELEGRAPH CO.

The Wireless System—Trans-Atlantic Experiments—Next Series of Tests.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—At a general meeting of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company to-day, Mr. Marconi, referring to the trans-Atlantic experiments, announced that the next series of tests would include the transmission of words and messages. He added that there was nothing to prevent the company from undertaking commercial communications with ships at sea. The system at present was in permanent use on board seventy ships and there were twenty-five land stations. His transmission of twenty two words in a minute did not compare badly with the work of the cables. The defects with reference to secrecy had been removed.

SHAMAKA EARTHQUAKE.

Fresh Disturbances — A New Volcano in Eruption.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Cabling from St. Petersburg, the correspondent of the *Daily Mail* says the seismic disturbances at Shamaka have recommenced, and that a fresh volcano began to erupt vigorously last Wednesday. The correspondent adds that the number of killed in the Shamaka district is now estimated at five thousand.

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.)

THE SAMOAN ISLANDS.

Merchandise Shipped From Pago Pago Entitled to Free Entry Into United States

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The Secretary of the Treasury has received from the attorney general an opinion on the question of whether merchandise shipped from Pago Pago, Tutuilla, is entitled to free entry into the United States in view of the convention concluded by the United States, Great Britain and Germany on December 2, 1899. The attorney general holds that Tutilla is domestic territory of the United States and that our tariff laws imposing duties upon goods from "foreign countries" are not applicable to goods arriving from Pago Pago.

WARM WIRELETS.

Representative Richardson, of Alabama, has introduced a bill for the construction of a canal connecting the Mississippi river with the St. Mary's river in Georgia.

Telegrams from Rogers, Bentonville and Eureka Springs, Arks., last night, report eight inches of snow in northwestern Arkansas, it being the heaviest fall known in recent years.

The need of a sub-treasury in the South was presented to the Ways and Means Committee yesterday by Mayor Myers and a delegation of business men from Savannah who asked for the establishment of such a treasury branch at that city.

The Corsicana, Texas, cotton oil mill, one of the largest in the State, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night, together with six freight cars on the Cotton Belt railroad tracks. The loss is estimated at $125,000, fully covered by insurance.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

In the Spring the mornings and evenings are too cool to be without heat of some kind, and yet not cold enough to start a fire in the Stove. Have a Gas Heater placed in your bedroom. Wilmington Gas Light Company feb 21 tf

Wanted—Hustler; temporary position; no canvass; good pay. Address Globe, 728 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa feb 21 3t

For Sale—A neat little Cottage in "Brooklyn" for $700.00; a 2-story brick Building on Orange street (suitable for warehouse or office), $1 200.00; a 2 story tin roof Dwelling on Tenth street, for $700.00; a roomy Home and good Lot, southeast corner Seventh and Queen, for $1 000.00; a 2 story House on large lot on Sixth street, between Walnut and Red Cross, $1,250 00; a Cottage on Ocean View Beach, $1 500 00; Building Lots on Fourth street, Walnut street, Red Cross street, Fifth street, Church street, etc. Also, other houses, small and large. W. M. Cumming, Real Estate and Notary. feb 21 1t

Consumers of Wood will always find the best quality of all kinds and all lengths of Wood (big Black Jack a specialty) at lowest prices at my wood yard, No. 18 South Water street, between Market and Dock. A trial will convince you. W. W. Koon, Bell 'Phone 719. feb 18 1m

Board—A few gentlemen can be accommodated with board, with or with out room, at 219 Red Cross street, corner Third. feb 9 tf

Notice—We have received another car load Jamaica Bananas, a great deal finer than the last one. Call and see them or send in your orders now. Will make shipments prompt and prices right. J. K. Westbrook & Co., 305 and 307 Market street, Bell 'Phone 447. feb 4 tf

Second-Hand Organ just like new for sale cheap; also, party leaving town wants to sell fine Upright Piano at a bargain. Warerooms corner Front and Ann streets. feb 9 tf

Prof. Max Hirsch's Piano Tuning and Repairing first class. Satisfaction guaranteed. P. O. Box 369, or call Bell 'Phone 735 feb 9 tf

I Have removed to No. 213 Market street, where I shall keep a full line of country produce foreign fruits, candies, etc. Bell Phone 208; Inter-state 869. A. S. Winstead. jan 1 tf

The Dixie Cafe—Most popular place in town for quick lunches, meals and everything to refresh the inner man. Tables always supplied with oysters and game. Orders sent anywhere in the city. S. F. Harmon, proprietor, Princess street. dec 6 tf

Old Newspapers for sale by the hundred at the STAR Office. Excellent for underlaying carpets or for wrapping paper. oct 2 tf

LOOK AT THIS.

Fresh Load of Horses and Mules

Just arrived, among them several Kentucky saddle and general business Horses. I also carry a full stock of

BUGGIES, HARNESS, ETC.,

For sale and have lately added to my business a light Livery, new Buggies and stylish Horses. Call and see me.

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VAUGHN'S IMPROVED EARLY OHIO.

WHITE, BLISS, EARLY ROSE,

Seed Potatoes.

White and Rust Proof Oats. Get in your orders.

Dried and Evaporated Apples and a full line of Groceries and Provisions.

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FANCY FLORIDA ORANGES.

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Best Cream Cheese.

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SALT.

A GENERAL LINE OF CASE GOODS DEMAND AT THIS SEASON.

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Wilmington's Big Racket Store

On Front Street, near Postoffice,

Has been the scene of constant activity this week. We have been receiving thousands of dollars worth of New Goods for the Spring trade, while our salespeople, who number about twenty-five, have had a successful and busy week.

In our Dress Goods Department, which is a strong department in our store, we are showing a handsome line of new weaves in 54 inch goods that are beautiful, stylish and serviceable. We are selling the sharkskin Ladies Dress Goods, very substantial, 48 inches wide, for 98c per yard. Our 54 inch Pan Cloth, in all Spring shades for suits, regular price $.125, our price 98c. Venetian cloths, all wool, high grade, 48c. Albatross for waists for 25c. Thirty pieces Dress Goods, all double fold, that we sold for 12½ and 15c, will sell now for 8 and 10c to make room. Five thousand yards best calico, standard goods in dark colors, to close out 4½c. A full line of new linen finish Gingham, in solid colors at 10c. A line of Chambray remnants to sell for 7c per yard. A lot of India Linen remnants, 4 and 5 yard pieces, to sell at 7c; regular 10c goods.

In our Ribbon Department we have some things to sell. In this department we carry the largest stock of any house in the city. Baby Ribbon at 1c per yard. A beautiful Silk Ribbon in all colors, 2½ inch wide, for 10c per yard. A line of colors in 3½ and 4 inch all-silk ribbon at 10c per yard. Also a full line of Velvet Ribbon, in all widths and prices.

In our Millinery Department we are making preparation for an Easter trade. We have a great many fancy Feathers, Breasts, Tips and Plumes that we would like to sell. Will sell you a wire-wrapped Breast 12 inches long, warranted not to shed, for 25c. Fancy Feathers at all prices, from 5c to 25c and up. In Hats, we have over one thousand to sell at 25c each. All this Winter's hats. We had rather have the room than to have the Hats. Come and get one for 25c.

In our Men and Boys' Clothing Department we have had an unusually good trade. Our tables are filled up with Clothing, and to reduce this stock and get room for Spring goods we have cut the price all through. Will sell you a $20 suit for $12.50; a $15 suit for $10. Our $10 goods we are selling for $8; our $8 and $9 suits for $7; $7 suits for $5, the $5 goods for $3.50, and the $3 black worsted suits we will close at $2.25.

In our Overcoat Department, we have thirty or forty coats on hand. Will sell you a new, all wool Raglan for $5.65; A $10 all wool Serge Twill for $6.

A full size long Beaver Coat for $4.50, and a $10 Beaver Coat for $7.50. Our $15 Beavers for $10.

Men's Fine Pants—We have just received 365 pair, all grades, new Spring Pants; men's heavy, well made Pants, double stitched seams, at 98c a pair, in three colors. Beautiful Worsted Pants, in up to date styles, for $1.48; 100 pair to select from. A nice line of Pants from $2 to $5 a pair.

We also handle a full line of Rubber goods—Rubber Shoes from 10c to $1 a pair. Men's Rubber Boots from $2.50 to $3.98 a pair. Men's and Boys' Mackintoshes for $1.19 and $2 each. Ladies' Mackintoshes from $2.50 to $4 each. Rubber Sheeting of all widths—27 inches wide, 39c; 36 inches wide, 48c; 1½ yards wide, 75c; 2 yards wide, $1.

In our store you will find anything you want. We handle all classes of Dry Goods and Domestic Goods.

Shoes for everybody, Trunks and Valises, Men's and Boys' Hats, Ladies' and Children's Underwear and anything you can call for. Bring your card and get it punched.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store,

GEO. O. GAYLORD.

feb 16 tf

SPECIAL NOTICE.

G. J. McMILLAN has been admitted into the firm of Levi McMillan & Co. We are increasing our stock, placing ourselves in a position to handle the best trade. We have added to our line of ladies' Summer footwear, the celebrated "La France" line of Oxfords and Slippers at $2.50 and $3.00. We have no Summer stock from last season. This will enable us to show the cleanest line of Summer footwear in the city. We have bought nothing but new and up-to-date styles. First shipment March 1st.

Yours, anxious to please,

LEVI McMILLAN & CO.,

Fourth and Campbell Streets.

THIS IS THE PLACE. feb 19 tf

Saturday, March 1st.

Money deposited with us on or before March 1st, will bear interest from that date at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, compounded quarterly. If you are not already a depositor become one now. All sums accepted. None too large, none too small.

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feb 20 tf F. W. DICK, Cashier.

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I have a full line of

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and can give you any style of point. All Pens fully guaranteed and sold at Manufacturers' prices, from $2.50 up.

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Unless you are prepared to be astonished!

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Prepare yourselves and try the experiment.

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The Climax Barber Shop, as its name indicates, has reached the highest point of style and excellence. Give us a trial and you will receive polite attention and high class workmanship.

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feb 4 tf 7 South Front St.

CLOSE OUTS.

I am not "selling out," but in order to make room for Spring Goods, now coming in, on a few articles I will give you manufacturers' prices, and on all goods I will guarantee to meet any selling out price. Remember, I Renovate Mattresses. Lay Carpets and Matting, Hang Window Shades, Make Awnings, do Paper Hanging and every kind of Upholstering and Repair work.

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JUST ARRIVED, MULES AND HORSES.

I have just returned with a lot of extra good

MULES AND HORSES.

You will find me at S. J. Davis' Stables, 208 and 210 Market street.

J. C. BLACKLEY.

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Fancy Fruits.

Bananas, Extra Fancy.

Pears, Grapes, Oranges, Apples.

Nuts, Figs, Dates and Raisins.

Give me a call. I can please you on nice Fruit and Candies.

J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.,

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Bell 'Phone 699. Inter-State 139.
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Wanted, Furs.

5,000 Raccoon Skins.

5,000 Fox Skins.

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1,000 Mink Skins.

And Furs of all description. Highest price paid. Quotations furnished on application.

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